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In re Application of: David J. Ecker *et al.*
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Entitled: **Methods for Rapid Detection of Pathogens in Humans and Animals**

Group No.: 1637
Examiner: D.C. Thomas

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE
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Dear Examiner:

The following communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 17, 2007 due on or before January 17, 2008. A three-month extension of time to April 17, 2008 is hereby requested, and the appropriate fee accompanies this response.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees during the entire pendency of this application, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-4302, referencing Attorney Docket No. ISIS-10449. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).